

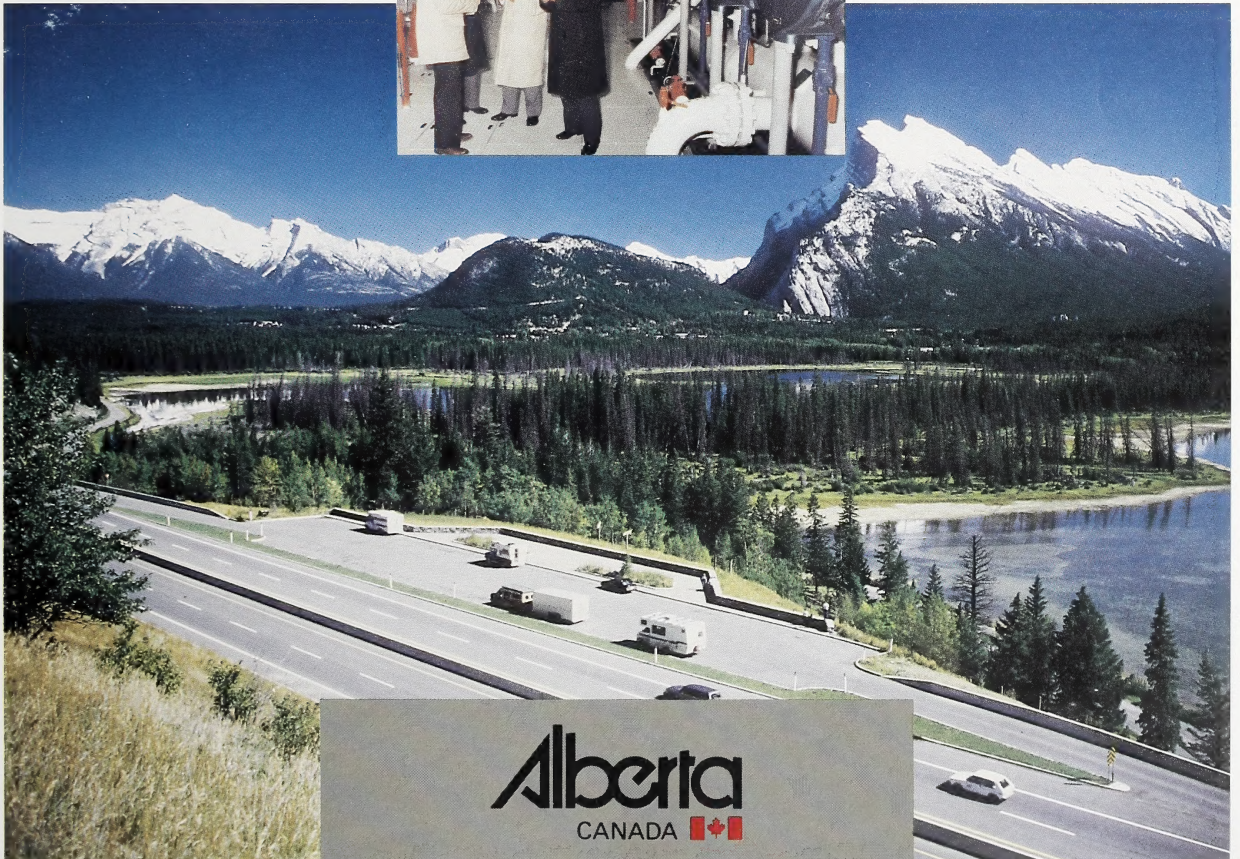
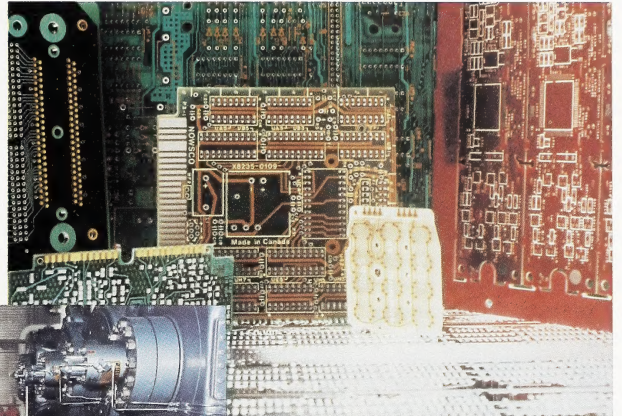
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MOVING TO ALBERTA



WHO'S ON THE MOVE TO ALBERTA?



Over the last ten years, more than 6000 business people from around the world have moved to Alberta.

All of these people came to Alberta with one thing in common - good ideas! They put these ideas and their exceptional business expertise into practice: some people started new businesses, others invested in projects on the cutting edge of research and development, and still others went into business for themselves. And their ventures have been successful!

Business people from many different countries have seized an array of opportunities in Alberta to create an extraordinary range of products and services for the local, national, and international marketplace. From state of the art technologies and telecommunications to

specialty foods and high fashion, the ventures of new business people have spurred innovation and growth in every aspect of life across the province.

In the span of just one decade, many entrepreneurs have witnessed the growth of their investments from small local ventures to export contenders in our fast-paced global market.

WHY DO BUSINESS PEOPLE CHOOSE ALBERTA?



Whether they're from Hong Kong, New York, London, Berlin, Cairo or any other part of the world, business people are bound for Alberta because it's an ideal place for business. They also know that the quality of life in Alberta is second to none.

Albertans are proud of their economic achievements and the



prosperity of their communities. They have long supported free enterprise along with economic diversity and growth. Alberta has:

- an economy that is expanding and outperforming others in North America
- one of the lowest tax rates in Canada
- a track record in supporting new business ventures
- outstanding global communication and transportation systems
- real estate and office space at some of the lowest costs worldwide
- a well-educated, youthful and highly productive workforce
- abundant energy reserves and low resource costs
- world-wide business associations and research institutes.

The people of Alberta also take great pride in this caring society, their strong sense of family, and individual initiative. Through their efforts and choices, Alberta has gained an international reputation for:

- an excellent education system that includes world-class universities, technical institutes and research centers
- a superb health care system comprising modern hospitals, leading-edge medical research and generous health care plans
- a wide range of affordable housing
- a variety of family and community support services, including orientation and English as a Second Language programs for newcomers
- a wealth of cultural, artistic and recreational activities

ALBERTA NEWS is published quarterly to provide information to our clients and colleagues. This edition highlights why and how so many business people are moving to Alberta.

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- a democratic society that protects the fundamental rights and freedoms of every person
- a natural environment that encompasses the legendary rocky mountains and prairie wheat fields.

HOW DO BUSINESS PEOPLE IMMIGRATE TO ALBERTA?

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Business people can immigrate to Alberta through the Business Immigration Program! Alberta welcomes and appreciates business

people interested in putting their expertise and capital to work in the province.

Together with the Government of Canada, Alberta designed a business immigration program to help entrepreneurs, investors, self-employed persons and their families obtain residence visas and realize their business goals in our province.

The program is open to any successful business person who wishes to apply.

The following is an overview of program categories and the requirements necessary for each.

THE BUSINESS IMMIGRATION PROGRAM: Categories and Requirements

	INVESTOR	ENTREPRENEUR	SELF-EMPLOYED
This Category is Intended for:	a successful business person who wishes to invest, but not be obliged to actively manage the daily activities of a business venture	a successful business person who is experienced in managing small to medium-sized enterprises and intends to manage the daily activities of the business	a successful individual skilled and experience in self-employment. For example: farmer, artisan and artist, etc.
Qualifications:	has a successful business background and expertise in operating, controlling or directing a successful business or commercial undertaking and/or has a proven track record as an investor has a personal net worth of \$500,000	has proven track record as a successful business person intends and is able to establish a business acceptable to Alberta	proven track record in chosen area of self-employment intends and is able to establish a business in Alberta employing self
Requirements:			
(i) investment and benefits	must irrevocably invest \$250,000 for at least five years in a business or private investment syndicate designated by Alberta as meeting the criteria of the Business Immigration Program	has sufficient capital to set up or purchase and sustain a business that is acceptable to Alberta, and that will benefit the province economically and contribute to the quality of life in the community where the business operates the business must be an "active" one that provides or produces goods and services, rather than a "passive" one that collects interest, dividends, rent or involves the purchase of real estate for potential gain	has sufficient capital to set up and maintain any business that is acceptable to Alberta and contributes positively to the economic, cultural or artistic life of the community
(ii) employment	investment must result in new or continued employment opportunities for Canadian residents	business must result in new or continued employment opportunities for one or more Canadian residents	business activities must provide full-time employment for the applicant
(iii) management	is not required to actively manage the daily activities of the business	must actively manage the daily activities of the business	must actively manage the daily activities of the business
(iv) other	must meet the requirements of the Canada Immigration Act and Regulations must possess sufficient additional funds to maintain self and family in Canada	must meet the requirements of the Canada Immigration Act and Regulations must possess sufficient additional funds to maintain self and family in Alberta	must meet the requirements of the Canada Immigration Act and Regulations must possess sufficient additional funds to maintain self and family in Alberta

CAN YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BUSINESS IMMIGRATION PROGRAM?

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Yes, you can take advantage of the business immigration program but remember that the application process takes one to three years to complete depending on the country from which you apply and the amount of time you need to gather the required information. Canadian visa officers can provide you with assistance in dealing with the paperwork to immigrate to Canada. Alberta immigration officials will then guide you through the requirements for the business immigration program.

If you want to put your good ideas to work in Alberta, here are the five steps you should follow to apply for the business immigration program:

1. A Visit to Alberta

Visit our province and see Alberta business in action. Research the venture you want to invest or participate in. Meet other successful business people like yourself.



A short trip to Alberta will give you the chance to explore first hand what the province has to offer before you apply to the program.

It will also give you the chance to meet Alberta's business immigration staff and attend their seminars for prospective business immigrants. Our staff will discuss your business plans with you and help you to gather the information you may need. They can also provide you with a letter or certificate to attach to your application for the business immigration program once you return home.

2. A Pre-Application Questionnaire

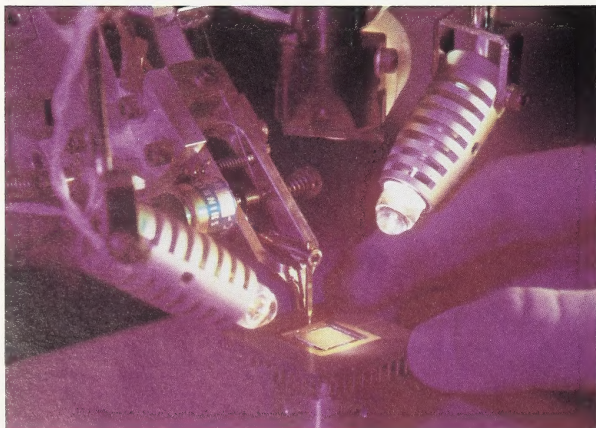
Visit the Canadian Embassy or Consulate responsible for your area. They can provide you with details on immigrating to Canada and a pre-application questionnaire for the business immigration program. Complete the questionnaire, attach the certificate from your trip to Alberta and return both to the Embassy or Consulate.

A Visa officer will then informally assess your pre-application according to Canadian immigration standards. They will look at how well you would adjust to life in Canada and will take into account your: educational background, vocational or on-the-job training, work experience, chances of finding a job or arrangements already made for a job, knowledge of English or French, age, location in Canada you wish to go to, and personal suitability. They will then send you a letter letting you know whether or not you should continue to the next step — the formal application.

3. The Formal Application

Formal application forms are available from your local Canadian Embassy or Consulate. Each dependent - 19 years of age or older - who wishes to accompany you to Canada must also fill out a formal application. Interested investors should be prepared to choose an investment project already approved by the provincial and federal authorities and to forward funds to escrow agents before making an application to the Embassy or Consulate.

The formal application requires that you attach or be prepared to provide the following documents: birth and marriage certificates, education diplomas, training certificates, documents outlining your present business, proof of ownership, business experience, funds available for immediate or later transfer to Canada, and the plan or proposal for your business venture in Alberta. You may also be asked for additional information such as a certificate of good conduct.





The visa officer can address any concerns you may have and let you know of the costs for processing your application. The current fees in Canadian funds are: \$500 for entrepreneurs, investors, self-employed applicants and one dependent, \$50 for each dependent under the age of 19, and \$350 for each dependent 19 or more years of age.

A visa officer will carefully go through all the information on your completed application form and send your business proposal to the Alberta immigration staff for final review and approval. When both the Canadian and Alberta immigration officials have finished their work, your visa officer will write to you with the results of your application and if all is in order, will invite you and your family to an interview.

4. The Interview

Visa officers will generally meet with you and your family to go over the application and business

proposals and get to know your family. This step is important to make sure that you are prepared to adjust to life in Canada. It also gives you a chance to learn more about immigrating to Canada and what kinds of things you may bring with you. Pending a successful interview, the visa officer will then ask you to complete a last step— a medical check-up.

5. The Medical Check-up

All the information you need on where to go for your medical check-up will be sent to you. The results of this routine check-up (for you and your family members), will be sent to the visa officer. If there are no concerns, you will receive your medical papers and visas within a few weeks.

6. Your Visas

You have completed all the steps and you receive your visa. Visas will be issued to you and your dependent family members along with a package of information on moving to and living in Canada. Be sure to contact your

Embassy or Consulate if you need more information, and do take advantage of the discussion sessions on what to bring with you and what to do

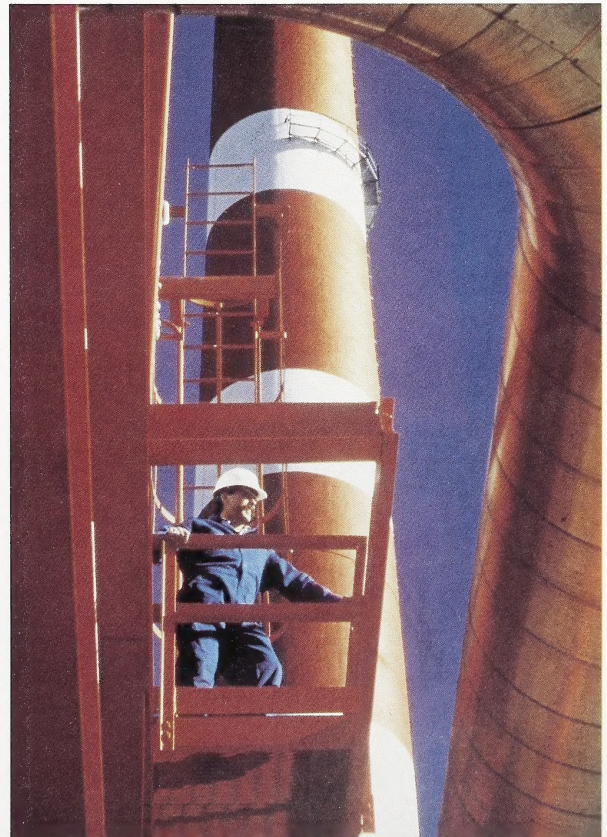
when you arrive in Alberta.

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A visa is usually valid for just one year. You must decide when and how you want to move to Alberta within that year. Most people use this time to make travel arrangements, translate documents, learn more about Alberta, and practice their English.

You may wish to contact the staff at Alberta Immigration and Settlement for more information. As an entrepreneur, you should let our staff know when you will be arriving in Alberta so that you can meet with them before you start your new business.

You are now Alberta Bound— Welcome!



A NOTE FROM THE STAFF OF ALBERTA'S BUSINESS IMMIGRATION PROGRAM

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Hello! I'm Vic Hartfield and I manage Alberta's business immigration program with my colleagues Geoff Anderson, Viviane Hanson, Alan Hallman, Joe So, Alice Kwong, Kim Menage, and Tony Pugh in Calgary.

I would like to thank you for making 1991 a most productive and rewarding year for us. During the past months, we worked hard to meet the needs of business people interested in bringing their expertise and capital to Alberta. We are delighted to have met so many people from around the world and to have shared in their creative and exciting business plans for our province. We are also glad that we kept in touch with business people who have been here for some time and that they kept us informed on the growth and prosperity of their many businesses.

We congratulate business people and their families from around the world for their accomplishments and contributions to Alberta. As 1992 approaches, we will work harder than ever to make sure you get the service you need to make well-informed choices.

You told us your ideas and we listened. As part of our work in the coming year, we will spearhead a series of new seminars for business people visiting Alberta. Watch for future issues of this newsletter too for additional information you may need— information on how to move to Alberta, what to do when you're here and what Alberta has to offer in the way of business and family life.

Your questions and suggestions are always welcome so please call or write to us at the addresses and phone numbers listed below.

On behalf of Alberta Immigration and Settlement, we wish you, your families, and our colleagues around the world, a joyful holiday season and a peaceful, prosperous, and happy new year.

Sincerely,

Vic Hartfield



PLACES IN ALBERTA



FURTHER INFORMATION

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If you are planning to visit Alberta, or would like more information about the business immigration program, please contact our staff at the following locations:

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ALBERTA IN THE WORLD

Distances between Alberta and major cities of the world (in kilometres)

